

# Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers in or near the Village. For Desert View programs, see page 8. Parking is limited; park rangers recommend you ride the free shuttle bus to program locations. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Outdoor programs may be cancelled or moved inside during inclement weather. Times are mountain standard, which is the same as Pacific time through October 31 and then the same as mountain time beginning November 1. Check visitor centers and hotels for additional program offerings.

Time	Program	Meeting Location	Duration/Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
9:30 am	<b>Fossil Discovery Walk</b> This easy walk explores what fossils tell us about ancient life and why they should be protected.	Bright Angel Trailhead sign	60 minutes 0.5 miles (0.8 km)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
10:45 am	<b>Raptors in Flight</b> Thousands of raptors migrate over Grand Canyon every fall. Learn about their journeys and enjoy their beauty. No access for private vehicles; ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route (orange) shuttle bus.	Yaki Point	30 minutes	√	√				√	√
1:30 pm	<b>Condor Talk</b> Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor, its reintroduction to northern Arizona, and its ongoing struggle for survival. Accessible.	Village Amphitheater	45 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
2 pm	<b>Geology Glimpse</b> Gain a quick insight into Grand Canyon's unique geologic story. Following the talk, consider walking the Trail of Time or exploring Yavapai Geology Museum. Accessible.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
2:30 pm	<b>Raptors in Flight</b> Thousands of raptors migrate over Grand Canyon every fall. Learn about their journeys and enjoy their beauty. No access for private vehicles; ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route (orange) shuttle bus.	Yaki Point	30 minutes	√	√				√	√
3:30 pm	<b>Geology Glimpse</b> Gain a quick insight into Grand Canyon's unique geologic story. Following the talk, consider walking the Trail of Time or exploring Yavapai Geology Museum. Accessible.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
4 pm	<b>Grand Canyon Stories</b> Explore the many wonders of Grand Canyon. From geology to history to ecology, the stories and views are endless during this leisurely walk along the rim. Topics Vary. Accessible.	Verkamp's Visitor Center flagpole	45 minutes 1 mile (1.6 km)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
7:30 pm	<b>Evening Program</b> Relax beneath the stars and enjoy a presentation about the park's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics. McKee Amphitheater is accessible with assistance; Shrine of the Ages is accessible.	McKee Amphitheater Sept 8–12; Shrine of the Ages Sept 13 to Nov 30	60 minutes		√		√		√	
Evening; check visitor centers for time	<b>Ranger Rendezvous</b> Discover Grand Canyon in the evening! Explore some of the park's lesser-known stories and facts. Programs include star talks, night hikes to the rim, cemetery tours, and more. Dress warmly.	Check visitor centers for location	60 minutes	√		√		√		√

## Park Ranger Programs Down in Grand Canyon

Are you hiking to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden? If so, discover fascinating aspects of the inner canyon with a wide range of natural and cultural history programs. *These programs are only accessible by a long, strenuous hike or mule ride.*

### Indian Garden

**Times vary, Saturday to Tuesday**

Check the bulletin board for program topics, locations, and times. Wilderness Explorer Junior Ranger booklet available. Accessible only by hiking 4.5 miles (7.2 km) down Bright Angel Trail.

### Phantom Ranch

**4 pm and 7:30 pm, Daily**

Check bulletin boards for program locations and topics. Phantom Ranch Junior Ranger activity booklet available. Accessible only by hiking or a mule ride to the bottom of Grand Canyon.

# Learn in an Outdoor Classroom

## University Students

### Grand Canyon Semester

Grand Canyon National Park partners with Northern Arizona University and Prescott College to offer a unique, semester-long program. Grand Canyon Semester immerses students in a place-based learning experience using Grand Canyon as a classroom and laboratory. Classroom academics combine with field opportunities to create an unparalleled learning environment. [nau.edu/Honors/GCS/](http://nau.edu/Honors/GCS/) or [prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html](http://prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html)

## Teachers

### Field Trips, Classroom Rangers, Distance Learning, and Teacher Workshops

Using Grand Canyon as a teaching tool, park rangers conduct curriculum-based field trips; in-class presentations; and live, two-way video, distance learning programs for grades K–12. Students engage in real-world exploration of geology, ecology, and human history. 928-638-7931 or [nps.gov/grca/learn/education](http://nps.gov/grca/learn/education)

## Middle and High School Youth Canyon Field Schools

Deepen your connection to Grand Canyon National Park. Spend one to two weeks exploring the trails, running the rapids, and camping under the stars. 928-638-7924 or [nps.gov/grca/learn/kidsyouth/camp.htm](http://nps.gov/grca/learn/kidsyouth/camp.htm)

